



Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative

Family Support Work Group

Family Support Work Group -(900 - 11:00 p.m., June 8, 2004)

Members Present: Jim Abson, Sherrill Archer, Jane Beachboard, Jeri Cummings, Annette Dove, Penny Farar, Deborah Gangluff, Florene Gaston, Dana Gonzales, Jacqueline Gorton (co-chair), Thomas Green, Gloriane Kabat, Nick Long (for Pam Kahler), Stephanie Loveless (for Becky Hall), Sherry Jo McLemore, Kenneth Myers, Teri Patrick, Kathy Robinson, Sorita Rusher, Cristy Sellers, Kathleen Stafford, Susan Underwood (co-chair), Lorie Williams, Margie Wood, Nancy Yarbrough. *(Refer to attached list for agency affiliation and contact information.)*

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introduction - Jackie Gorton

Discussion:

- Susan Underwood & Jackie Gorton were introduced as co-chairs of the Family Support Work Group.
- Jackie Gorton thanked all the members present for attending the meeting and serving on the committee.
- All members of the committee were introduced.

Result:

- Several key agencies/populations are not yet represented on the committee.

Agenda Item #2: An Overview of AECCS and Responsibility of Family Support Work Group-Martha Reeder

Discussion: Martha Reeder presented a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative. She stressed the importance of school readiness as a unifying factor for planning in all groups.

Results: Members of the group were asked to study the Arkansas School Readiness Indicators Initiative publication, *Getting Ready For School*, and determine which indicators that have already been identified and tracked that might be appropriate for this work group to "own." Hard copies of the publication were not available, but it can be viewed at

www.arkansas.gov/childcare/schoolreadiness.html

More copies are being printed, and will soon be available to all work group members.

<p>Timelines for work in the intermediate time between now and the joint meeting on August 31 were shared. Each group will be developing a logic model to show priority long-term outcomes that they wish to accomplish. A draft of the logic model that the Social-Emotional Health Work Group is working on was shared as an example of the work ahead.</p> <p>Timelines for final formulation of an implementation plan were shared.</p>	<p>Dr. Deborah Gangluff will consult with the group at the next meeting, to facilitate the development of the group's logic model. In preparation for the August 31 joint meeting, this meeting will be devoted to identifying priority long-term outcomes.</p> <p>A draft of the implementation plan is scheduled to be completed by April of 2005, with the final plan and completed logic model completed by July of 2005.</p>
<p>Tasks: Group members should study <u><i>Getting Ready For School</i></u> in order to see what might pertain specifically to the Family Support effort. Members are asked to identify other indicators of importance, to begin to consider priorities for long-term outcomes, and to study the draft logic model from the Social-Emotional Health Work Group to prepare for the logic model session at the next meeting. The meeting is scheduled for July 7, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and will be held in Room 3 (different room) at the Baker Building (University & Markham).</p>	
<p>Agenda Item #3: Possible New Members- Susan Underwood</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreeing that several agencies and populations were not represented on the committee, further discussion revolved around possible members. 	<p>Result:</p> <p>The following representatives/agencies will be considered to serve on the Family Support committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Education 3 to 5-Thelma Jasper Foster parenting-Ed Wallace(DHS) Judicial System-Connie Hickman ARC-Parent to Parent-Cynthia Stone Cooperative Extension Service-Steve Dennis or Wally Goddard Medical Transportation Medicaid-Kelly Phillips(Customer Concerns) Family Matters-Dee Ann Newell(Prison Parent Center) Drug Court Media/Public Relations Higher Education

<p>(Discussion)</p>	<p>(Results)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Agencies • Faith Based-Mike Rush (STEP) • Family & Consumer Services-Beth Wilson @ Harding University • Mental Health-David Haas (Bridgeway) • Housing • Home School • Individual Dev.-Stephanie Sikora (Good Faith Fund of Pine Bluff) • Work Force investment board
<p>TASKS: Committee members will consider the names/agencies mentioned as members for the Family Support Work Group. Co-chairs Susan Underwood and Jacque Gorton will be responsible for contacting (or asking members to contact) individuals.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item #4: Questions and Answers/Next Meeting-Jackie Gorton</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacque Gorton led the committee in brainstorming four areas of Family Support. Jacque presented questions to the group. 	<p>Results:</p> <p>Question #1: What does it mean to be a ready family or community?</p> <p>Answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify needs-example custody issues • Be healthy • Economic security-example job, income • Type of household-example grandparents raising children • Domestic Violence • Healthy marriage • Care Givers-Knowledge, skills, motivation • Adequate/safe housing • Family independence-enables the family to depend on themselves (instead of people or services they receive) • Client self determination- give them the tools/let them make their own decisions • Supportive network-for families without other family close by

<p>(Discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be July 7, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and will be held in Room 3 (different room) at the Baker Building (Markham & University) 	<p>(Results)</p> <p>Question #2: What is a ready school?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepting parent involvement Accepting educational level Parent facilitators Supportive environment within school Border-line children who do not qualify for special services Nutrition- in jeopardy in school child nutrition Safe playgrounds <p>Question #3: What is a ready community?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Summer programs System set up to identify help to fit a family- gives them a way to access the information needed for help services. Family Resource Center-in place within school but provides services to the whole community.
<p>TASKS: Martha Reeder will email the committee with reminder of next meeting.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item #5: Logic Model Overview- Deborah Gangluff</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Deborah explained what a logic model is and what it will be used for. 	<p>Result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Family Support group will work on filling in the Logic Model at the next meeting. The logic model will be filled in starting with the long-term outcome.
<p>TASKS: The committee will work toward developing long-term outcomes during the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item #5: Wrap-up and Adjourn- Minutes will be available online on the DHS/DCCECE website: www.arkansas.gov/childcare/aeccs.html. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.</p>	